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(MILITARY SERVICE) On 22 April 1970, James Hutchinson, Sergeant, United States Army, Personnel Interviewer, Personal Action Branch (PAB), Over-Seas Replacement Station (ORS), United States Army Personnel Center (USAPC), Oakland Army Base (OAB), Oakland, California, was interviewed concerning Victor L. TRINKALA. Hutchinson, who interviewed TRINKALA several times prior to HIS discharge, stated substantially the following:

Hutchinson first met TRINKALA on 8 November 1969, when HE requested to be interviewed by the PAB, ORS, because HE was seventeen years old and HE did not want to go to the Republic of Viet Nam (RVN). A copy of the interview request is attached to the original copy of this agent's report as EXHIBIT___. SUBJECT stated that HE had lied about HIS age to get into the Army, had changed HIS mind about the Army, and did not want to go to RVN. Source was of the impression that SUBJECT had heard from someone that if HE were under 18 years old, HE would not have to go to RVN. SUBJECT was told by Source that even though HE was under 18 years old, HE would be sent to RVN after HIS 18th birthday which was just 20 days away. SUBJECT was questioned by Source as to how HE managed to get into the Army when HE was under 18 years old with out parental consent. SUBJECT stated that the US Army Recruiter was knowledgeable of HIS age but assured SUBJECT that he could "fix it up" so that HE could enlist with out parental consent. SUBJECT was told by Source that HE would have to provide conclusive evidence that HE was under 18 years old, otherwise HE would be shipped to RVN. The interview was terminated at this point and SUBJECT was to return on 10 November 1969, pending verification of HIS age.

On 13 November 1969, Source received a message from Sixth Army Headquarter (EXHIBIT___) through the Message Center (MC), USAPC, OAB, requesting that SUBJECT'S orders to RVN be cancelled pending advisement from the Department of the Army and at the request of one R. C. Nagell, former Captain, Special Agent, Counter Intelligence Corps. This message was sent to Sixth Army Headquarters by way of Western Union Telegraph Company (WUTC) from New York, New York, by R. C. Nagell. Source was not too concerned with this request because SUBJECT was already on "hold status" pending verification of HIS age. This was the first time Source had heard of R. C. Nagell.

On 14 November 1969, Source received a message from the MC, USAPC, that was sent by way of WUTC from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from SUBJECT'S mother, Mrs. Dorothy Trinkala, 202 Basco Street, Pittsburgh, a copy of which is attached to this agent's report as EXHIBIT___. The message stated that SUBJECT was not of age and HIS mother did not give her consent for HIM to join the Army. SUBJECT was then called in for another interview and HE was asked to have a registered letter sent to USAPC with HIS birth certificate

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or positive evidence of HIS age. SUBJECT stated that HE would comply with this request and the interview was terminated.

On 18 November 1969, Source recieved a telephone call from LTC Parker, Chief of Military Personnel Division, Sixth Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco, California, (EXHIBIT __) stating that ~~a~~ one Nagell, former Captain, Special Agent, with Counter Intelligence, urged that SUBJECT'S orders to RVN be cancelled. Parker did not explain why Nagell wanted the orders to be cancelled. Source was instructed to find out who Nagell was by talking to SUBJECT. SUBJECT was consequently called in for another interview by the former Officer In Charge, CWO Walter Girvin, 456-48-8128, 22d Administration Company (Finance), Americal Division, APO San Francisco 96374. Source was not positive if Girvin ever talked to SUBJECT. Source interviewed SUBJECT and asked HIM who Nagell was. SUBJECT replied that Nagell was a relative and a former Army Captain. SUBJECT was apprehensive when talking about Nagell. LEAD

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On 24 or 25 November 1969, Source received a registered letter from SUBJECT'S mother. The letter contained a copy of SUBJECT'S birth certificate and a note in long hand, apparently written by HIS mother, stating that she did not want SUBJECT to go to RVN nor remain in the Army. The birth certificate was a copy of the original and Source did not remember seeing a raised seal of any kind on the certificate. The copy of the birth certificate was apparently considered to be official because SUBJECT was transferred to Transient Company to be discharged. Source was confident that the correspondence from Nagell played no part in SUBJECT getting discharged, although it did confuse the matter and brought it to the attention of the personnel working in PAB, ORS, USAPC.

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